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Dear Hal.....

I note postmark of your most recent letter to be 30 Nov 72. I don't know if I replied at that time—I have been through a long period of self-imposed silence during which I have not written anyone. I think I did send you a postcard from Chicago a few months back.

So how are you? Fall has eased the Great Plains summer heat and also reminded us of the urgency of publishing STEPPENWOLF FIVE—which will take all our energy for next few months. Printing costs are absolutely staggering...offset process no savings over letterpress, either, so we'll probably stay with the latter method and again have our British printer do the work.

Watergate astounds; the mind very nearly boggles. I say very nearly because Mr. Nixon's morality has never been without tarnish, so far as politics are concerned. That he would surround himself with characters of like persuasion is probably only natural, on reflection. In any case, a dismal situation.

My friend, let me have a note from you when time permits.

Best personal regards,

